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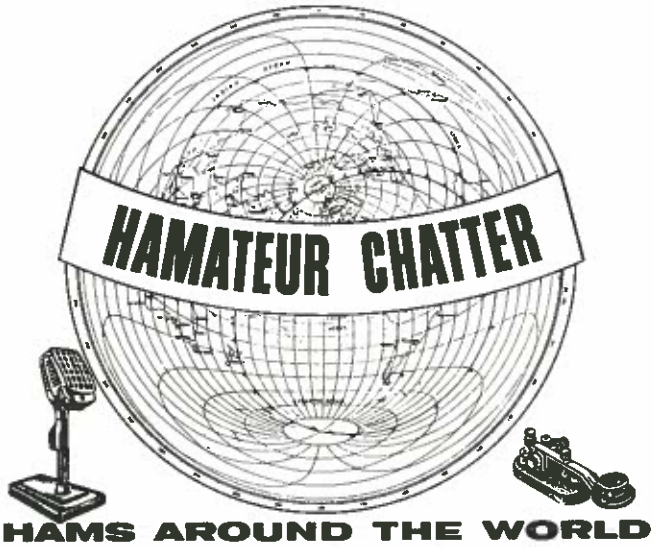

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Meetings on the second Thursday of the month at MSOE, 1020 No. Broadway, 7:30 p.m. -- Everybody Welcome!

Season's Greetings

PRESIDENT'S NEWS AND VIEWS

Our efforts to provide an interesting meeting has brought a program of technical seminary type meetings and of course, an auction is always looked forward to with almost glee. In the future, we plan other meetings of technical nature but this cannot continue as a steady diet. Our needs for meeting material can be suggested by the membership and we encourage anyone with ideas in this direction to let us know.

In the first issue of the revived "Hama' Chatter" outgoing President Travis Baird, W9VQD bemoaned the lack of "young blood" in the organization. Our roster now shows an increase of younger hams and hope they will contribute more actively in our programs. Let us know of your needs, especially technical help. Much aid is available and by consulting our "helping Hands" column (see previous issues) you may get pertinent information. We hope to have a real turnout for our annual Old Timer's night. The special program is planned which will be of interest to all, especially the OT's.

Dick Oberholtzer, W9ZPV

EDITOR'S CORNER

With the coming of Old Timers' Night again, thoughts are turned to the activities and events of previous years. Much can be written of those times and I suppose will continue to be written. Some day in the future, when amateur TV, thought transcendation and transmutation will be a commonplace activity, our days of CW, SSB and RTTY will be considered as ancient as spark is now. It is fortunate that we have a few OT's among us that have experienced radio from almost the beginning of which we write. This editor had for some time considered writing about the present OT's in these columns becasuse their experiences past and present are definitely newsworthy. Therefore we see two articles on prominent hams in this issue and the beginning of a new column--HOW IT ALL BEGAN....

Chet. W9CTI

OLD TIMERS' Edition

HERB WAREING, W9NY

Herb started his carrer in radio at Lane Tech High School in Chicago in 1914. His first operation was as 9AEX in spark and recalls QRMing commercial stations. In those days, before the old FRC, powerful hams did not take a back seat to the commercials. Herb's radio career is divided in ham activities and in the commercial profession. He is a charter member of the oldest ARRL affiliate club (MRAC, of course!), serving as President and Vice-president in 1921 and 1922. As a ham, he was one of the leading 28 Mc ops in the '30s, winning worldwide awards and holds #2 WAC on that band. He was also very active in the "new" 56 Mc band at that time, too. Some OT's will remember his tech articles in QST during this time.

Professionally, Herb was of the old school, started pounding brass with Marconi Wireless and RCA as a marine op in the early '20s. Of interest is his last stint as Marine operator. During WWII, when ops were scarce, he signed on a luxury cruise on the Great Lakes for two weeks during his vacation. He was accompanied by his XYL during this trip, what a way to go! In the '20s he was connected with Marquette U. After getting his EE degree, he lectured on electronics at the college level and later headed his own electronics company.

Herb probably is best known as Superintendent of Communications for the Milwaukee Police Department, starting in 1930. In this field he is recognized for his many new radio innovations, including multiple-dispatch console, organizational activities in APCO and Civil Defense. He retired in 1963 and has enjoyed travelling, grandchildren and ham activities. Currently his main activity is on 2-meters. Herb is an active member of the MRAC.

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NOTICE

Hama' Chatter is mailed to members of MRAC and AREC. Anyone not getting a copy notify the editor. Others can get a copy by sending the editor a SASE. Publication is bi-monthly--next issue in February. Also notify any change of address because it costs us 10¢ per notification.

ROSTER OF OLD-TIMERS (25 or more years) 1970

It is interesting to note the number and years of the following OTs. Please sign the roster this year meeting and indicate your interest in QCWA.

YEAR	NAME	CALL(S)
1929	JOHN SCARVACI	W9GIL
1923	RAY PESCHEK	W9LJU
1934	Rollo Hamsch	W9BG W8EDJ
1936	DICK OBERHOLTZER	W9ZPV
1935	George W. Fields	W9WVL WZBSN
1926	NORM BARNES	W9CDZ
1935	SID HATCH	W8NDL-W9JKT W8BEZZ
1931	MILT KRAUTHOFF	W9BTQ
1938	ROMAN HUDZINSKI	W9JPS
1925	REID H. BURROWS	W9NVT-9DDU
1936	FRED A KRAUSE	W9VLK
1935	V. Travis Baird	W9VQD
193-	R. CHARLES KAETEL	W9SNK
1916	LYNN P LEWIS	W9WH
1920	HERB PARISH	W9CCD
1945	RUSS GREENWOOD	W9LUR
1941	CARL H. ROHDE	W9ROM
1922	HERB. F. BERG	W9CAS
1932	DOC WYMAN	W9SZH
1917	E. S Polachek	Ex 9DTK
1919	Don Seibel	EX9HO-9ESF
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1917	Erwin J. Nickel	X9ATO
1920	Clarence N Crapo	W9VO
1934	Russell E. Burss	W9RKP
1935	AL BELANGER	W9MDG
1939	CHARLES C. DAWSON	W9CUW
1916	Herbert J. Warning	W9NY
1917	Robert J. Mingelbier	W9TN-9SP.
1921	Elmer Kraus	W9CM
	W9VIT, 9AIE, 9ELD, 9EVE	
1910	JIM DOUGLAS	WN9DR
1920	EMMETT KOEBLE	K9DD (5DD)
1939	ANTHONY BARSZCZ	W9HPZ
1925	ROBERT G. TURNER	9BSO, W9FBJ, W9GKT
1933	Chester Sakuta	W9CTI-W7DLH
1934	Robert Peterson	
1911	Clarence Crapo	CN (SELF ASSIGNED) W9VO

OLD TIMER'S NIGHT - Jan. 14, 1971

Once again Pabst Brewery opens their hospitable Rathskeller Hall to welcome the gathering of the local Old Timers. Each year this event is looked forward to with anticipation by all hams of MRAC. At the last meeting it was moved to change the date to a more temperate month but was voted down by the OT's themselves. So be it! Enjoy it as part of the festive Holiday season. Bring your memorabilias, bring another OT and bring your XYL and if you need a ride, contact Pres. Dick or the Editor. The new Life Members will be honored and receive their certificates. Be sure to sign the special OT's Roster if you have been licensed over 25 years.

ELIGIBLE FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Ben Armstrong	W9KYE
Henry (Art) Brown	W9EZP
Norman Brushaber	W9KZQ
Robert Hunteman	W9THN
John Koehler	W9DGB
James Ott	W9LCD
Emmeth Schoen	W9RYR

Please attend OT's night Jan. 14th to receive your Life Membership Certificate.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN.....W9GIL

One wonders, when passing the corner of Calumet and Lake Drive and seeing all the hardware in the air, how it all began. John was introduced to radio at the Busy Boy's Club (now Milwaukee Boys Club) at the age of 12, thru a crystal radio project. This was in 1925, just about the tail-end of the spark era. He earned his money selling newspapers which went into buying current radio magazines (Radio News, Short Wave Craft, QST perhaps.....ed). Thru the mags, he made his first tube job with a single WD 11 and got the SWL and subsequently the ham fever. By 1928 he acquired enough code speed and technical knowledge to confront the RI and came out with his present call--W9GIL. John is an internationally known DXer presently eyeing the 5BDXCC award. To paraphrase an old saying: big antennas from small crystal sets grow! You can never guess how son Dick, K9CAN started--see next issue.

BAND ACTIVITIES

Andy WA9BPG got his TY7ATF QSL. He has also been phone-patching for US personnel in the South Pacific on 10-meters. The band has been open very often in the past few weeks.

20-meter has been good for WB9AJP with 90 watts and a 14 AVQ. He's logged LU4, HK1, and XE. Sez he's looking for parts to build ATV.

Ken W9MOT is back on the air with SBE 34 mobile.

Sus WB9BGJ was heard using pidgin Japanese in a JA QSO.

Ray K9KHW has been working 2-meter meteor scatter. Has been mentioned in QST for working FB DX. Moon Bounce next, hey, Ray!

Ask Bullwinkle WB9BVA on the procedure of taking a mobile rig into Canada. Most important, he sez, to have your ticket or the Royal Mounted Police will request you to check your rig at their station until you leave the country. Ask Bullwinkle, he forgot his ticket!

Our 160-meter reporter Ted W9NHE says that things are picking up on that band.

LETTER COLUMN

(Excerpts from a letter with membership reinstatement from Don Stenz, K9KSA)

.....I wonder how many of the club members remember me from 1963. The club was meeting in the Public Library in those years. I was an Instructor in Electrical Engineering at MSOE and arranged for the club to meet (at the present place...ed). I am now with the U of Wisconsin

73, Donald J. Stenz

(Incidently, Don has started a new publication of interest to all hams in this area, the "WISCONSIN RADIO AMATEUR HERALD." Altho it appears to be a wheel and deal swap sheet, it has many items of interest to the average area ham. Send two bucks for eight issues and get on his bandwagon. Mail to: Don J. Stenz, K9KSA, 4542 Turquoise Lane, Madison, Wisc., 53714. Good luck in your new venture, Don.)

(From Life Member Art Brown, W9EZP)

.....Tnx much re: the notice about (my) life membership. However, I'll still continue to pay dues in the future because I believe in MRAC's "cause." You'll notice a new QTH. I lost my wife, Luella, in January this year and moved out of my apartment in July. Tnx again for your interest--and please forward my best 73's to all the gang.

Art B W9EZP
24 No. Stone Avenue
La Grange, Ill. 60525

(Excerpt from a letter from Bob Stuckert, WA9SYD when he paid his dues)

Because we conduct many experiments in the air, I learned to fly this summer. Presently I am working on getting a type rating so that I can fly our DC-3 flying laboratory. Right now I can fly only single and twin engine aircraft grossing under 12,500 pounds.

I have spent only a minute amount of time up in the ham shack. The club (W8PZS) has a Heath Marauder, Drake 2-B, homebrew linear with a pair of 813's in the final, and teletype gear including a Model 28.

73, Bob WA9SYD

(Letter condensed from August Piechowski)

I was at the last club meeting in March but since April have been in and out of the V.A. Hospital. June 30th, the VA sent me to Jude Memorial Home here at Wautoma and I will be here till the end of the year. I don't like it here so I will not stay here after that date. On account of my health, I will have to give up Shortwave and sell my SX42 receiver. I only want $50 for it and Ed Chandek (phone: 645-2705) will handle it for me. Please take my name off the roster because of having to give up this hobby.

Yours truly,

August Piechowski

NATIONAL RADIO QRT

National Radio, perhaps the oldest supplier of ham radio receivers and parts, recently filed Chap. #11, indicating they are bankrupt and will cease to manufacture radio equipment. The old SW3, then the HRO series receivers have been favorites of the hams. The ending of National Radio is a sad milestone in the history of Ham Radio, especially to the OT's.

Milt Krauthoff, W9BTQ

SUNSHINE CORNER

Mark WN9EMV was in the hospital for awhile and is now back home.

Larry WA9AUD had a successful operation and is now convalescing at home.

LADIES' AUXILIARY NOTICE

Gals, are you interested in having an Auxiliary for those related to MRAC members? There was a group that met for ten years, then disbanded some years ago (9). It was discovered what a wonderful hobby radio hamming can be. It was thru this group that we found friends and lasting friendships.

It was recently discussed, (at the club picnic) that it might be fun for another gathering of XYLs to share thoughts and ideas again. We might talk radio hamming and we might not!! If you gals are interested in a get-together, please call: 352-9285 or write 2345 Skyline Rd. (53209) See you at the OT's Night.

Evelyn Dawson, XYL W9CUW

NEW MEMBERS

Roy Freeman K9HGJ
4616 N. Woodruff Avenue
Whitefish Bay, Wis. 53211

Robert W. Schmid WA9FBO
Route 1, Box 19
New Holstein, Wis. 53061

Chester Kuhl K9DNB
5237 N. Sherman Blvd. 53209

Ray O. Truemner K9ITD
800 N. Brookfield Road
Brookfield, Wis. 53005

"How do you read me?... over..."

MORE CHATTER

Bob WA9GOR is the new printer's devil at Instand Offset, the Hams' Chatter's publisher.

With geese flying high and the smell of snow in the air, it's antenna raising time!

Roy, K9HGJ is responsible for the FB WX9BAR sign at Elsie and George's.

John W9GIL went to the National Convention and met Louie W9ANA and Erv Rasmussen there. He also attended the QCWA Breakfast.

Carl W9FG wants to get a QCWA chapter started in this area. As only ten members are necessary to start a chapter, there are enough in this area. OT's night will be an appropriate time to start and we will have a quick special meeting at that time, with applications for those who have been hams for 25 years but not yet a member.

Russ W9RKP runs a QSL bureau. You DXers contact him on handling your QSL cards.

John W9GIL, Sus WB9BGJ, Russ W9RKP and Newt W2HH/9 went to Madison recently for a DX meeting.

John W9HDY sent in a Survey report and wants information on the cause of loss of carrier on Johnson Pacemaker Exciter. Sez he has an inverted V 160 meter ant.

SILENT KEY

Paul Leeb, W9TKY.

DELINQUENT NOTICE

A number of members are delinquent in their dues and some by several years. The Treasurer has asked for space to publicize the list. (So, don't get on that list....ed)

SHORT SKIP
FROM OTHER CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

FEEDBACK OZAUKEE

W9VLL, WA9RPB and W9RXJ are working on ATV. At the November meeting, a FB movie anthology of the Club's activities was shown by W9RXJ. Also shown was an interesting educational film on nuclear reaction. On a recent Sunday, W9VLL, W9RXJ, K9UKH and W9CDA had a round-table on 75 with big guns--all KWs--and in sneaked WA9YBM with his 75-watter. Guess Jeff was the only one that read the FCC regs on the usage of minimum power.

Field Day results were very gratifying this year in that we placed 13th in a field of 210 entries in '3A' class. These Field Day Nuts have a Magnum of Champagne as a traveling trophy between the CW and phone tent which will be opened when, and only when, Ozaukee places 1st in F.D!

Ed Bach, WA9BMA

4-R-Z MENOMONEE FALLS

Well, we're still active in the "Ragchew Circuit"---as formality is not our long suit. Main topic is FD for the next ten months, then rehashing it one month before starting planning for the next. Glad to see Dan Rosa, WA9VCX back at November meeting. Reporter WN9ECP recently returned from three weeks in Florida, took his rig and worked thru an inverted Vee on a 24-ft fishpole! Had many good QSOs (cards still coming in).

Russ Burlingame, WN9ECP

SMOKE SIGNALS BARABOO

The Annual Banquet was held at the Three Lions Supper Club on Sept. 19th. 46 were present with the guest list including Roy Rosser K9WXS and Jim Crooks WB8FYA w/XYL's, representing Satterfield Electronics, Don Stenz K9KSA publisher of Wisconsin Amateur Radio Herald and Sherm Carr W9NGT Wisconsin SEC. The informal meeting included a ham slide show and door prizes, many donated by Satterfield's. This first family banquet was a huge success. Harv K9YHO writes an account of a few days in 9K-land--Kuwait--and visiting the shack's of 9KZAM and 9KZBY. A class for General-advance studies has been started. Ken W9GSC and Art W9WSS are handling the instruction for over 20 in the class. Jim K9PKQ is handling high speed (15 wpm) code for the generals. November meeting had a FB demonstration and lecture on ATV by Ken W9DFS. Most of the gear was homebrewed by Ken, including 2 cameras. No slow speed stuff here because it's 4.5 MHz bandwidth equipment. Membership roll shows 53 on the list. Hope you all voted for Ken, W9GSC for Assistant Director.

Jim Romelfanger, K9PKQ

AREC and OTHERS

The Pumpkin Patrol did their usually fine job watching expressway overpasses Halloween night assisting the Sheriff's Dept. Vet's Day Parade communications were well staffed by the dollowing: W9VQD, WA9MME, WA9OWQ, WA9MML, WA9POV, K9KJT, WA9JLU, W9RLO with K9CMX in charge. The South Side Vet's Day Parade communications was handled by Explorer Post #373. They used Navy MARS 27.9 MHz circuit. Those participating were: NØPWP, NØPHE, NØKVI, NØEAR, NØQOH, NØEDO, and NØEDZ.

Dave Theophilus, W9KWQ has been transferred to Sioux Falls, South Dakota weather station. he was instrumental in developing the Severe Weather reporting system in this area.

EXPLORER POSTS

There are two Explorer Posts in this area specializing in electronics and communications. Art McGlothlin WA9AWJ is the advisor of Post #373. Post #733 is setting up an instruction program and needs help. They are in the Bay View area and can be contacted thru Advisor Jim Glowinski, 744-5971.

BEAR TRACKS From BEAR FACTS

Thirteen couples attended the annual OM/XYL buffet dinner and festivities at Gumm's on Oct. 6. Pearl Fitting won the door prize--as announced by Toastmaster K9DD, an electronic keyer. It has mighty strange specs tho--solid-state all ceramic, four-piece, free standing, oven proof, do-it-yourself.....you guess or quiz Walt or Pearl. To fill up the Bear Facts with more Bear Tracks, the latest issues had reprints of timely tech sheets. The last two were of Ultra Caps and Varactors and a very interesting study.

The traditional November meeting elected new officers as follows:

President	Walt Fitting	W9OI
Secretary	Al Belanger	W9MDG
Treasurer	Ted Brammer	----

Glenn Mattes, K9QHS

HAMTRIX WEST ALLIS

The new officers for 1971 are:

President	George Schlessinger	K9ILV
Vice-Pres.	Richard Schank	WA9AKV
Secretary	Michael Prah	WB9BTR
Treasurer	Ron Gorski	W9KYZ

Dues are $3.50 a year starting November 1st with a scaled late payment penalty. (MRAC delinquents note). The coup de grace is the removal of the name from the mailing list after Feb. 1st. A code and theory class past the novice class is planned by Pres. George K9ILV if enough interest is shown. Plans are now being made for the annual Christmas Party, Dec. 8th. Congrats are in order for WARAC for the showing at FD. They placed 7th nationally in Class 4 and were the top W9. They are already thinking about next FD. (stout fellas!...ed)

Lynn Tamblyn, WQ9KRF

W9HHX MSOE

New officers of the year are:

President	Kenn Anderson	WA9VIG
Vice-Pres.	Frank Bayuk	WB9ESO
Secretary	Ted Carlson	
Treasurer	John Aegerter	WA9GAR

The Rangers from St. Paul Lutheran Church are going to tour the station Dec. 11th. Other groups can arrange a tour by calling Pres. Kenn at 272-8720. A 6-meter station was donated by a recent graduate, Richard Drew, K9PJB. It consists of a Drake TR6, beam, Hamm Rotor even complete to coax cable and mike. The gang is repairing the "Black Box" in preparation for the WAE RTTY contest. The 2 - meter rig is now remotely controlled from the Science Bldg. Rick Dual, WB9EBL wants to get a free Woulf Hong. (Shades of T.O.M!! This is one thing that is sacred in Ham Radio! The only way to get a Woulf Hong is by getting initiated into the Royal Order of the Woulf Hong some mystic midnight. Imagine the temerity of this Young Squirt! We'll get the Rettysnitch and the Uggerumph after him, hi!...ed) (see Feb. and March 1964 QST, pgs 70 and 67)

Kenn Anderson, WA9VIG